

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims shall replace all prior versions and listings of the claims.

1-25. Cancelled.

26. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving by a computing device a selection of ~~selecting~~ a quadrant from a plurality of quadrants, in which ~~the selected~~ each quadrant comprises a portion of a customizable display and ~~the selected~~ each quadrant comprises a benchmark instrument, the selected quadrant comprising a first benchmark instrument;

retrieving by a computing device a plurality of non-benchmark instruments from a server coupled to the computing device over a network, in which each non-benchmark instrument shares at least one variable in common with the first benchmark instrument, and in which the first benchmark instrument comprises a first type of instrument, and in which the one of the plurality of non-benchmark instruments comprises a second type of instrument;

retrieving from a server market data for the benchmark instrument and the plurality of non-benchmark instruments; and

generating and outputting the customizable display, in which the customizable display comprises the selected quadrant and a plurality of other quadrants, and in which the selected quadrant comprises the retrieved market data for the first benchmark instrument and the plurality of non-benchmark instruments.

27. (Cancelled).

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, in which a second one of the plurality of non-benchmark instruments comprises a third type of instrument.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, in which at least one of the first type of instrument, the second type of instrument and the third type of instrument comprises at least one of: a bond, a futures contract, a stock, a debt instrument, an equity, and another type of instrument.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26 further comprising:
receiving a request for displaying the selected quadrant and the plurality of other quadrants of the customizable display in accordance to a layout.

31-32. (Cancelled).

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26 further comprising:
receiving a request to replace the first benchmark instrument with a second benchmark instrument, in which the first benchmark instrument is associated with the selected quadrant;
selecting a second quadrant, in which the second quadrant comprises the second benchmark instrument;
removing the selected quadrant from a position in the customizable display; and
updating the customizable display to include the second quadrant, in which the second quadrant is located in the position that was formerly occupied by the removed quadrant.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26 further comprising:
receiving a request to add a third benchmark instrument to the customizable display;
selecting a third quadrant, in which the third quadrant comprises the third benchmark instrument; and
updating the customizable display, in which the customizable display comprises the third quadrant and the plurality of other quadrants that were previously displayed on the customizable display, in which a size of each of the other quadrant is decreased in order to accommodate the size of the third quadrant.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, in which each non-benchmark instrument comprises a market depth, in which the market depth of each non-benchmark instrument comprise a quantity of different prices that are available for each non-benchmark instrument.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, in which the market depth comprises a value between 1 and 10.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 35 further comprising:
determining that the market depth of one of the plurality of the non-benchmark instruments exceeds a threshold;
transmitting an indication that the market depth of one of the plurality of the non-benchmark instruments exceeds the threshold; and
receiving, in response to the transmitted indication that the market depth exceeds the threshold, a request to exchange the first benchmark instrument with one of the plurality of non-benchmark instruments.

38. (Cancelled).

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35 further comprising
determining that the market depth of one of the plurality of non-benchmark instruments exceeds a threshold; and
generating an identifiable graphical user interface (GUI) element that indicates the market depth exceeds the threshold, in which the GUI element is displayed on the customizable display.

40. (Cancelled).

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35 further comprising:

determining that the market depth of one of the plurality of non-benchmark instruments is less than a threshold; and

generating an identifiable graphical user interface (GUI) element that indicates the market depth is less than the threshold, in which the GUI element is displayed on the customizable display.

42. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising:

a storage medium, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by a processor, direct the processor to : perform the method of: claim 26.

receive by a computing device a selection of a quadrant from a plurality of quadrants, in which each quadrant comprises a portion of a customizable display and each quadrant comprises a benchmark instrument, the selected quadrant comprising a first benchmark instrument;

retrieve by a computing device a plurality of non-benchmark instruments from a server coupled to the computing device over a network, in which each non-benchmark instrument shares at least one variable in common with the first benchmark instrument, and in which the first benchmark instrument comprises a first type of instrument, and in which the one of the plurality of non-benchmark instruments comprises a second type of instrument;

retrieve from a server market data for the benchmark instrument and the plurality of non-benchmark instruments; and

generate and output the customizable display, in which the customizable display comprises the selected quadrant and a plurality of other quadrants, and in which the selected quadrant comprises the retrieved market data for the first benchmark instrument and the plurality of non-benchmark instruments.

43. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 42, in which a second one of the plurality of non-benchmark instruments comprises a third type of instrument ~~the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 28.~~

44. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 43, in which in which at least one of the first type of instrument, the second type of instrument and the third type of instrument comprises at least one of: a bond, a futures contract, a stock, a debt instrument, an equity, and another type of instrument ~~the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 29.~~

45. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 42, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, further direct the processor to ~~perform the method of claim 30.~~

receive a request for displaying the selected quadrant and the plurality of other quadrants of the customizable display in accordance to a layout.

46. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 42, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, further direct the processor to : ~~perform the method of: claim 33.~~

receive a request to replace the first benchmark instrument with a second benchmark instrument, in which the first benchmark instrument is associated with the selected quadrant;

select a second quadrant, in which the second quadrant comprises the second benchmark instrument;

remove the selected quadrant from a position in the customizable display; and updating the customizable display to include the second quadrant, in which the second quadrant is located in the position that was formerly occupied by the removed quadrant.

47. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 42, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, further direct the processor to : ~~perform the method of claim 34.~~

receive a request to add a third benchmark instrument to the customizable display;

select a third quadrant, in which the third quadrant comprises the third benchmark instrument; and

update the customizable display, in which the customizable display comprises the third quadrant and the plurality of other quadrants that were previously displayed on the customizable display, in which a size of each of the other quadrant is decreased in order to accommodate the size of the third quadrant.

48. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a processor; and

a memory, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to : ~~perform the method of: claim 26.~~

receive by a computing device a selection of a quadrant from a plurality of quadrants, in which each quadrant comprises a portion of a customizable display and each quadrant comprises a benchmark instrument, the selected quadrant comprising a first benchmark instrument;

retrieve by a computing device a plurality of non-benchmark instruments from a server coupled to the computing device over a network, in which each non-benchmark instrument shares at least one variable in common with the first benchmark instrument, and in which the first benchmark instrument comprises a first type of instrument, and in which the one of the plurality of non-benchmark instruments comprises a second type of instrument;

retrieve from a server market data for the benchmark instrument and the plurality of non-benchmark instruments; and

generate and output the customizable display, in which the customizable display comprises the selected quadrant and a plurality of other quadrants, and in which the selected quadrant comprises the retrieved market data for the first benchmark instrument and the plurality of non-benchmark instruments.

49. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 48, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, further direct the processor to :
~~perform the method of claim 33.~~

receive a request to replace the first benchmark instrument with a second benchmark instrument, in which the first benchmark instrument is associated with the selected quadrant;

select a second quadrant, in which the second quadrant comprises the second benchmark instrument;

remove the selected quadrant from a position in the customizable display; and
updating the customizable display to include the second quadrant, in which the second quadrant is located in the position that was formerly occupied by the removed quadrant.

50. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 48, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, further direct the processor to :
~~perform the method of claim 34.~~

receive a request to add a third benchmark instrument to the customizable display;

select a third quadrant, in which the third quadrant comprises the third benchmark instrument; and

update the customizable display, in which the customizable display comprises the third quadrant and the plurality of other quadrants that were previously displayed on the customizable display, in which a size of each of the other quadrant is decreased in order to accommodate the size of the third quadrant.